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SUBJECT MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

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1. REFTEL IN PARA 2 DOES NOT REFLECT THIS EMBASSY'S POSITION. WE HAVE NEVER RECOMMENDED CUTS. 77 BUENOS AIRES 5033 CONTENDED THAT THE SIGNIFICANT STAFF REDUCTIONS PRIOR TO JULY 1977 HAD REDUCED THE EMBASSY TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS. BUENOS AIRES 9071 IN NOVEMBER 1977 OBSERVED THAT A FURTHER REDUCTION OF 19 US AND 5 LOCAL EMPLOYEES AFTER JULY 1977 WAS AMPLE EVIDENCE THE MISSION STAFF WAS BEING REDUCED WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE RECORD SHOULD SHOW THAT POSITIONS FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION WERE IDENTIFIED IN 77 BUENOS AIRES 7065 IN RESPONSE TO AN INSTRUCTION TO DO SO WHICH LEVIED SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE CUT LEVELS.

2. COMMENTS: A. ICA. THE DETERIORATION OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS PLUS THE FACT ICA IS THE ONLY REMAINING PROGRAM RESOURCE FOR THE EMBASSY COMBINE TO CONVINCE ME WE SHOULD NOT CUT ICA, AND AN INCREASE OF ONE AMERICAN COULD BE USED MOST EFFECTIVELY.

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B. AGRICULTURE. THIS IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THE CLASH OF AN AGENCY'S REQUIREMENTS WITH THE METHOD OF WORKING OUR STAFF REDUCTIONS. MEASURED AGAINST THE REPORTING BURDEN, THE FAS STAFF SHOULD BE INCREASED BY ONE JUNIOR OFFICER. HOWEVER, WHEN PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS ARE CALLED FOR, EQUITY REQUIRES THAT EACH ELEMENT OF THE MISSION TAKE A PROPORTIONATE SHARE. WHEN PERSONNEL RESOURCES ARE

MEASURED AGAINST MISSION GOALS (1980 GORM) THREE AGENCIES,
FAA, FAS, FBI WOULD REASONABLY BE ELIMINATED SINCE THEY
DO NOT SUPPORT SPECIFIC GOALS. I HAVE TOLD FAS I WOULD
NOT OPPOSE AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER HERE IF THEY COULD OBTAIN
THE NECESSARY POSITION CEILING. I OBSERVED, HOWEVER,
THAT SUCH A POSITION WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE IN
AN EMBASSY-WIDE PERSONNEL REDUCTION PROGRAM.
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